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***Election/Restrictions***

1. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

I. Species of the embodiment disclosed on page 3, lines 20-21, compresses data is desired; in particular, the invention that requires dividing the print data into segments, compressing the data segment, and sending the compressed data segment to the printer.

II. Species of the embodiment disclosed on page 3, paragraph 20-21, compresses data is not desired; in particular: the invention that requires dividing the print data into segments, and sending the data segment to the printer (the invention that is missing the compressing and decompressing steps).

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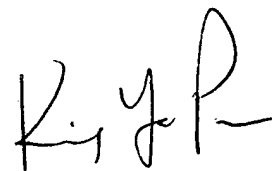
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